

REMARKS

By virtue of the present amendment, claim 32 has been amended to remove the phrase “selected from the group consisting of cancer metastasis and” and claims 35 and 47 have been cancelled. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added by the virtue of the amendment to claim 32.

Claims 32 to 34, 38 to 40, 45 to 46 are now pending.

Reconsideration of these currently pending claims is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected the phrase “cancer metastatis” in claim 32 as being misspelled. This phrase no longer appears in claim 32, rendering the objection moot.

The Examiner also objected to claim 47 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim and noted that it would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

To expedite the prosecution of the present application, claim 32 has been amended, without prejudice, to delete the phrase “selected from the group consisting of cancer metastasis and” and is now commensurate in scope with dependent claim 47, which depended from claim 32.

As the Examiner has previously indicated that claim 32 as amended is allowable, Applicant respectfully requests Allowance of claim 32, and claims 33-34, 38 to 40 and 45 to 46 which all depend (directly or indirectly) from claim 32.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 32-35, 38-40 and 45-46 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. The Examiner acknowledged that the specification was enabling for the glioma treatment, but argued that it did not “reasonably provide

enablement for the treatment or management of a metalloproteinase-related disease or disorder selected from cancer metastasis recited in claim 32.

As noted above, for the purpose of expediting prosecution of the present application, claim 32 has been amended, without prejudice, to delete the phrase “selected from the group consisting of cancer metastasis and”. It is now commensurate in scope with dependent claim 47, which the Examiner acknowledges is enabled.

In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 32-34, 38-40 and 45 to 46 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph is respectfully requested. The rejection of claim 35 is moot as this claim has been cancelled.

CONCLUSION

A timely and favorable action in the subject application is respectfully urged.

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